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SUBJECT: Energy Rights of Way on Tribal Land

SENT: Wednesday, April 12, 2006

Section 1813 ROW Study, Office Indian Energy and Economic Development,

I am the Supervisor of the Town of Aurelius, Cayuga County N.Y. The Seneca - Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma owns land in the town. This land purchase and a subsequent attempt to build a casino lead to a suit (civil case No. 5:03-cv-00690) in Federal district Court in Syracuse N.Y. The property purchased by the tribe is located at the northeast tip of Cayuga Lake. Cayuga Lake is 37 miles long. Due to the lakes north south orientation there is approximately 1/2 mile wide corridor that many of the states utilities funnel through. On the land owned by the tribe there is a transcontinental Tenneco natural gas pipe line that travels to Concord Ma. were I believe it reduces down and continues on to Maine. There is also a smaller natural gas line that runs parallel to the Tenneco line owned by Dominion that serves at a minimum the city of Syracuse. Also running through the property is a Niagara Mohawk high voltage transmission lines. There are 2 sets of towers carrying 12 110,000 volt line. These lines travel to the north & east of Aurelius. On the adjacent farm lies the Buckeye liquid petroleum pipe line. The tribe has made offers to purchase this farm as well.

In summary, collectively the 3 pipe lines transport a significant percentage of the energy needs of New York State as well as suppling some gas to at least 2 other states. I would also expect that the electricity carried by the transmission mains has significant value to the economy of the state. Your consideration and protection of these supply lines is important.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Ide Jr. Supervisor, Town of Aurelius